

Drifters' Lead Singer Rudy Lewis, 27, Found Dead

POETS' CORNER

LET US LEARN
BY DUREMA WHITLEY

The world we live in is in critical condition. Because of the people and their position. But we as young people must always learn. This job we hold was hard to earn.

We should realize what we did, others can do, too. Not getting a little education don't get us through. Thank the Lord who has been good to us. Because he's the one whom we should put our trust.

We should be humble as never before. And do our job well that we adore. A helping hand is what we can offer. And a tone of voice a little lower and softer.

Let us stop and ask ourselves. Are we as workers doing our job well. And if we aren't let's make a deal. To work harder and have less time to kill.

We should be able to set examples. To represent our jobs as college samples. And encourage younger ones to attend a college. To have a more broad field of knowledge.

So in this world let's learn to help others. In their distress and in their troubles. Help them with a willing heart. Because they, too, have to make a start.

"Black Like Me" Box Office Smash

NEW YORK — The motion picture "Black Like Me," based on the book of the same name, earned in excess of \$300,000, during its first week's run in New York City and New Jersey.

The movie, which stars James Whitmore as a white Southern writer who darkens his skin and travels as a Negro in the South is a Warner Reade-Sterling release.

The film drama, on its opening day in New York and New Jersey, grossed \$44,569 and broke all box office records of any previous film the Reade-Sterling organization has ever released.

In the film version of John Howard Griffin's best-selling true story, there are some 50 speaking parts in all for Negro actors and actresses, with key performances given by P. J. Sydney, Al Freeman, Jr., Eva Jessye, Roscoe Lee Brown, and Richard Ward.

"Black Like Me," which was filmed on location in Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, and the West Coast of Florida, with an interracial cast and crew, is expected to continue its record breaking box office appeal as it is shown around the United States.



AKA PRESENTS AWARDS TO LIGON STUDENTS — Alpha Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority made a \$25.00 school assistance award to several girls who have made commendable contributions in some phase of school work or have shown promise in the areas of cooperation, courtesy, ambition and citizenship. Shown from left to right, seated: Misses Barbara Williams, Wilma Shaw, June Powell, Carolyn Redfern and Theresa Phillips. From left to right, standing: Misses Carolyn Jones, Janet Powell, Betty Roberts, Margie Jones, Betty Buggs, and Marion Bunch.

GOSSIP of the MOVIE LOTS

BY CALLA SCRIVNER
RAY CHARLES' "BUSTED" WINS GRAMMY HONORS

HOLLYWOOD (ANP) — Ray Charles' popular recording of "Busted" won the coveted best rhythm and blues "Grammy" when the awards were presented simultaneously in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

"Four Days in November" will be produced with United Press International and will be distributed world-wide by United Artists. Producer-director Mel Stuart will supervise.

The "Freedom Theatre," a recently formed Hollywood organization, plans to tour South this year to raise funds for the civil rights fight. The group consists of 11 members, including folk singer Barbara Dase, and Mickey Shapiro.

"BLACK SABBATH" OPENS CITY-WIDE

Boris Karloff's starrer "Black Sabbath" opened city-wide in Los Angeles last week. Karloff portrays vampire "Wildermark" in the film. Mark Damon and Michele Mercier also star.

"Evil Eye" is the companion feature.

Winning top honors were composer-director Henry Mancini, and singers Barbara Streisand and Jack Jones. Mancini won the arranger's award for "Day of Wine and Roses" and a composer's award for the same score which was also voted the top record of the year.

Barbara was voted best female vocalist for her "Barbara Streisand Album," and Jack Jones won as the best male vocalist for his recording of "Wives and Lovers."

Sœur Sorire, the singing nun, topped Mahalia Jackson, Beanie Griffin and Tennessee Ernie Ford as best singer of religious records for "Dominique."

Sidney Poitier's "The Long Ships," also starring Richard Widmark, Russ Tamblyn, Rosanna Schiaffino and Oscar Homolka, previewed at the Academy Theatre last week.

Poitier plays the dramatic role of a shiek in the film.

According to an announcement by Executive Producer David L. Wolper of Wolper Productions, a documentary motion picture dealing with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy will be completed for release this September.

TV Drama To Explore Sit-Ins Sat.

NEW YORK (ANP)—Because of the timeliness and many possible legal interpretations of the words "sit-in" and "peaceful demonstration," The Defenders, television show, will air this subject over CBS, Saturday, June 6.

Entitled "The Non-Violent," this particular episode will star well known actor James Earl Jones as a young Negro minister, who along with white college student (Sam Groom) is arrested at a building construction site where they had staged a sit-in to protest the non-hiring of Negroes in the building trades.

Monk, piano; Thad Jones, cornet; Nick Travis, trumpet; Eddie Bert, trombone; Steve Lacy, soprano saxophone; Phil Woods, alto saxophone; clarinet; Charlie Rouse, tenor saxophone; Gene Allen, baritone saxophone, clarinet, bass clarinet; Butch Warren, bass; Frank Dunlop, drums. Tunes: "I Mean You"; "Evidence"; "Darkness on the Delta"; "Oaks T"; "Played Twice"; "Four in One"; "Epitaphy."

Small Town Girl, starring Jane Powell, Nat "King" Cole, Farley Granger, Ann Miller, Bobby Van and Cuddles Sakall will be shown on KTTV television station June 6.

The story concerns a romance between wealthy New York playboy Rick Livingstone and a small town judge's daughter. Cole's ir-

defenders star, E. G. Marshall as Attorney Lawrence Preston, is retained by the sit-in college student's wealthy and influential father to "get him off" and out of a messy business.

The boy's refusal to accept his father's terms, however, brings the case to court, and when the judge dismisses it, the young student wants to fight it in a higher court. He feels it is "giving up" a vital cause to accept dismissal.

"TV Gospel Time" Returns To Local Station June 14

"TV Gospel Time," the first weekly all-Negro television program to be filmed for showing in a group of cities, will now be seen in 50 markets, stretching from coast to coast, and will be seen locally on WRAL, channel 5, in Raleigh, beginning Sunday, June 14, at 9 a. m. The program will be seen weekly for a period of 13 weeks.

"TV Gospel Time" was first seen in six cities in 1963—New York; Washington, D. C.; Augusta, Columbia and Macon, Georgia; and Charleston, S. C. Then, in 1963, the network of stations expanded to in-

clude Montgomery, Alabama; Jacksonville, Florida; Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Baton Rouge and New Orleans, Louisiana; Baltimore, Maryland; Jackson, Mississippi; St. Louis, Missouri; Charlotte, Raleigh and Washington, North Carolina; Columbia, South Carolina; Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee; Dallas, Texas; and Norfolk, Virginia.

2,000 Dentists Will Attend Big Film's Premiere

CLEVELAND, Ohio — An estimated two-thousand dentists, their wives and guests will be among the star-studded audience attending the premiere performance of the new film on preventative dentistry called "START TODAY," when it will be shown during the convention that will meet August 2-6, 1964 at the Hotel Pick-Carter in Cleveland, Ohio.

It marks a significant milestone in the fifty-one years of growth of The National Dental Association and will stand as a historic piece of pictorial dentistry providing service for the community and the nation.

"START TODAY" is being jointly sponsored by the National Dental Association with the cooperation of the Colgate-Palmolive and the William Wrigley, Jr. Companies. Wexler Film Productions of California produced the film on Preventative Dentistry.

Attended Party Honoring J. Wilson Before Death

NEW YORK (ANP)—Death claimed another outstanding entertainment celebrity under mysterious circumstances last week, when Rudy Lewis, 27, one of the lead singers of The Drifters vocal group was found dead in his room in the Cecil Hotel here.

The cause of the death of the famous rock 'n' roll singer and composer of spiritual songs was not immediately known, but it was disclosed by an associate that he had attended a big, all-night party for singer Jackie Wilson at the Palms Cafe prior to his death. The Medical Examiner's office was conducting a probe to determine the cause of Lewis' death.

Ironically, the singer's mother, Mrs. Viola Lewis, 50, acting on "a premonition" that something was wrong, had put through a long distance call from Philadelphia to his hotel room just at the time a team of doctors, summoned to the scene, was working frantically in a vain attempt to save him. Mrs. Lewis said she last spoke to her son on Mother's Day.

The last person known to have spoken to him was Buddy Nolan, an assistant at the Apollo Theatre.

He said he spent the night at the party with Lewis and shook hands with him as they parted.

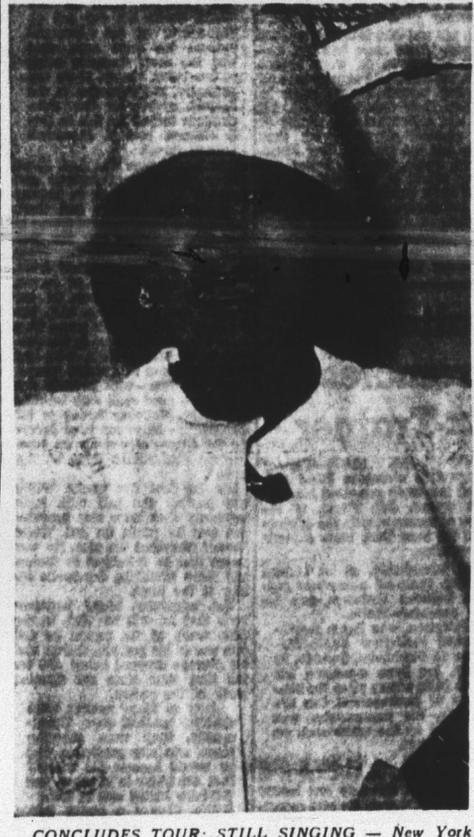
Lewis, whose real name is Charles Rudolph Harrell, joined the Drifters in 1960 as the replacement of another famous rock 'n' roll singer, Ben E. King. He was reported to have been preparing to quit the group himself to launch a career as a single performer.

In addition to this singing with the Drifters, Lewis, who started singing spiritual songs in church at the age of 3, also composed spirituals for gospel singer Clara Ward.

Lewis was credited with being chiefly responsible for the Drifters recording of at least eight hit tunes, including "Up on the Roof," "Via Con Dio," and "On Broadway."

Disc jockey Georgie Woods, a fellow Philadelphian, presented him a gold trophy marking a million sales of the "Up on the Roof" record, last February.

In addition to his mother, Lewis is survived by his step-father, James Jackson; a brother, Roosevelt, and 2 sisters, Evelyn and Joyce.



CONCLUDES TOUR; STILL SINGING — New York: Famed Gospel singer Mahalia Jackson sings a few bars as she arrives in New York, May 20th, on board the liner, SS United States. Miss Jackson is returning to America following a successful tour of Europe. (UPI PHOTO).

New Book Is Written By Noted Integrationist Dr. M. L. King

A new book by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, titled "Why We Can't Wait," will be published on June 6.

In it, Dr. King, who has been called the symbol of moderation in the struggle for Negro equality, states why the Negro must have his rights now.

Drawing back the curtain on

last summer's battle in Birmingham, he describes in detail the strategy behind the demonstrations. He regards this campaign as the toughest test of his entire leadership career.

The book includes, published for the first time in full, Dr. King's letter to the clergymen who had called his actions "unwise and untimely."

Dr. King sees non-violence as means of self-assertion contrary to established American thinking. "We are a nation that worships the frontier tradition," he says,



JAMES E. SHEPARD HIGH SCHOOL'S SENIOR CLASS — This is the 1964 graduating class at the Shepard High School, Zebulon, whose principal is Garland L. Cress. The valedictorian is Miss Katie Jones, while Rufus Beck with is the salutatorian.

THE VETERANS CORNER

Here are authorized answers by the Veterans Administration to questions from former servicemen and their families:

Q—Can a veteran be paid an additional amount of compensation for a dependent parent?

A—Yes, if service-incurred disabilities are rated 50 percent or more. There is no additional allowance payable by reason of a dependent parent if the veteran is receiving pension for disability not the result of service.

Q—I am receiving pension from the VA, and must report my income each year. In March I sold some property. Should I keep the figures on this sale to report at the end of the year?

A—No, this should be reported at once to the VA Regional office that has your records. Any increase in income from that estimated at the beginning of the year should be promptly reported to avoid possible overpayment.

Q—Are veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict entitled to the same pensions as World War I veterans?

A—No, the basic requirements for payment of pensions apply equally to all veterans of World War I, World War II, and the Korean Conflict.

"and our heroes are those who champion justice through violent retaliation against injustice."

He analyzes the events behind the 1963 Negro Revolution which drew world attention.

In his book, Dr. King condemns the "step-at-a-time" theory, holding it responsible for the creeping pace of integration since the Emancipation Bill, a hundred years ago. The practice of tokenism, he states, merely obscures the persisting reality of segregation and discrimination.

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